

OPINION 750

MELISSODES FONSCOLOMBEI ROMAND, 1841 (INSECTA, HYMENOPTERA): SUPPRESSED UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers:

- (a) the specific name *fonscolombei* Romand, 1841, as published in the binomen *Melissodes fonscolombei*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy;
- (b) all designations of type-species for the nominal genus *Melissodes* Latreille, 1829, made prior to the present Ruling are hereby set aside and the nominal species *Melissodes leprieuri* Blanchard, 1849, is hereby designated to be the type-species of that genus.

(2) The generic name *Melissodes* Latreille, 1829 (gender : feminine), type-species, by designation under the plenary powers in (1) (b) above, *Melissodes leprieuri* Blanchard, 1849, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1690.

(3) The specific name *leprieuri* Blanchard, 1849, as published in the binomen *Melissodes leprieuri*, as interpreted by the neotype designated by LaBerge, 1962, (type-species of *Melissodes* Latreille, 1829) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2100.

(4) The specific name *fonscolombei* Romand, 1841, as published in the binomen *Melissodes fonscolombei* (as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) (a) above) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 832.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 862)

The present case was first submitted to the office of the Commission by Dr. Wallace E. LaBerge in October 1954. In February 1962 Dr. LaBerge submitted a revised application which was sent to the printer on 21 May 1962 and was published on 12 July 1963 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 20 : 292–293. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 21 : 184). The proposals were supported by Padre J. S. Moure, Dr. C. D. Michener, Mr. P. H. Timberlake and Dr. T. B. Mitchell.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 26 March 1965 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (65)10 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 20 : 293. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 26 June 1965 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—twenty-five (25), received in the following order: China, Holthuis, Vokes, Mayr, Obruchev, Alvarado, Boschma, Simpson, Lemche, Jaczewski, do Amaral, Brinck, Riley, Sabrosky, Tortonese, Munroe, Uchida, Evans, Forest, Bonnet, Stoll, Binder, Mertens, Kraus, Ride.

Negative votes—none (0).

Voting Papers not returned—one (1): Hubbs.

Commissioner Miller returned a late affirmative vote. Commissioner Sabrosky voted for only a section of the proposals presented, and made the following comment: "I vote against (1) (a) and (4), because I am opposed in principle to Commission action on *nomina dubia*. I vote for (1) (b) which is perfectly proper action by itself, without suppression of *Melissodes fonscolombeii*, and for (2) and (3)."

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on the Official Lists and Index by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

fonscolombeii, *Melissodes*, Romand, 1841, in Guérin, *Mag. Zool.* (2) 3 : 5, pl. 70
leprieuri, *Melissodes*, Blanchard, 1849, in Cuvier, *Règne Anim.* (ed. 3) 2 : atlas
pl. 129 bis, figs. 4, 4a

Melissodes Latreille, 1829, in Cuvier, *Règne Anim.* (ed. 2) 5 : 354

The following is the original reference for the designation of a neotype for a nominal species concerned in the present Ruling:

For *Melissodes leprieuri* Blanchard, 1849 : LaBerge, 1962, *Ent. News* 73: 164–165

CERTIFICATE

We certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (65)10 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 750.

G. OWEN EVANS
Secretary

W. E. CHINA
Assistant Secretary
International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature
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